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**CONTINUATION UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract of Original Application No. 09/946,037, which is the parent of Application No. 10/441,556 (19 pages).

- ☒ Formal drawings of Original Application No. 09/946,037, which is the parent of Application No. 10/441,556 (9 sheets, Figures 1-11).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney of Original Application No. 09/946,037, which is the parent of Application No. 10/441,556 (4 pages).
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to Wilson Sporting Goods Co. of Original Application No. 09/946,037, which is the parent of Application No. 10/441,556
- ☒ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet of Original Application No. 09/946,037.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment ( 10 Pages)
- ☒ Postcard

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